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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am the Township Solicitor to the Township of Bensalem, Bucks County, Pennsylvania ("Township"). The following comments are filed on behalf of the Township in response to the Surface Transportation Board's March 14, 2011 (Service Date March 24, 2011) Revised Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("Revised Notice") amending interim rules noticed in its January 14, 2009 Notice of Proposed Rule Making. The Revised Notice contained proposed rules to implement the provisions of the Clean Railroads Act of 2008, Pub. L. No. 110-432, 122 Stat. 4848, and indicate that comments on the proposal may be submitted to the Surface Transportation Board by May 23, 2011.

The Township has reviewed the Revised Notice and the comments prepared on the Notice by the National Solid Wastes Management Association, which I understand have been submitted to you, and the Township adopts the comments of the National Solid Wastes Management Association in their entirety.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I cannot overstate the Township's support of any and all rules and regulations that will require the direct notice to, the timely participation by, and the full involvement of, states and local municipalities, whenever and wherever solid waste rail transfer facilities are proposed and/or applications or filings, of any kind, relative to the same are required and/or submitted.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. Should you require any further information of any kind in regard to these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Joseph DiGirolamo, Mayor
William Cmorey, Director of Administration